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GOV. EASLEY TO DELIVER CHARGE TO BIOTECHNOLOGY STRATEGIC PLAN STEERING COMMITTEE

RALEIGH – Gov. Mike Easley will deliver the charge at the first meeting of the Biotechnology Strategic Plan Steering Committee on Wednesday (July 16) at 2 p.m. at the North Carolina Biotechnology Center (15 Alexander Dr.) in the Research Triangle Park.

Last week, Easley asked the N.C. Biotechnology Center to lead the development of a strategic business plan for growing the biotech industry in North Carolina. Former governors Jim Hunt and Jim Martin will co-chair a 15-member blue ribbon steering committee of distinguished business, academic and government leaders from throughout the state.

Six working groups will be formed to analyze areas critical to biotechnology development including university research and infrastructure; K-12 education; workforce training; entrepreneurial companies; recruitment of life science companies; and public policy and societal considerations. Their final plan is due to Easley on Oct. 31.

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